

Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division
Status Update: June 20, 2008 at 5 p.m.

State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) was activated following a series of severe storms commencing on June 6 and continuing through June 13. Key state agencies continue to monitor the event and provide resources to meet public health and safety needs. State resources are being deployed based on local requests, availability and geographic areas. The key agencies include Agriculture, Community Health, Environmental Quality, Military and Veterans Affairs, Natural Resources, State Police, Transportation, and the MSP/EMHSD. A FEMA Region V liaison is also present in the SEOC.

The SEOC is not scheduled to be operational throughout the weekend. The MSP/EMHSD Duty Officer will be available if a jurisdiction needs assistance.

Pending Request for a Governor's Declaration

Missaukee County submitted a revised request for a Governor's Declaration today and will be reviewed on Monday, June 23 once additional damage assessment information is submitted.

Federal and State Agency Responses

Beginning Tuesday, June 24, four FEMA Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) teams will be in Michigan assisting state and local officials evaluate and verify public damage in the most severely affected jurisdictions. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will complete their mission in the City of Saginaw on Saturday, June 21. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reviewed the sediment build up on Pere Marquette River in Ludington and determined it is not as severe as previously reported. No action is anticipated at this time.

Local Declarations

Eaton County (June 8)
City of Lansing (June 8)
Ottawa County (June 9)
Delta Township (June 9)
Allegan County (June 10, submitted June 11 to MSP/EMHSD)
Saginaw County (June 11)
Osceola County (June 11)
Barry County (June 12)
Lake County (June 13)
Mason County (June 13)
Wexford County (June 17)
Missaukee County (June 18)
Manistee County (June 19)

Governor's Declarations

- Allegan County
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- Lake County
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- Mason County
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- Wexford County
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- City of Saginaw

Pending Requests for a Governor's Declaration

- Missaukee County

Storm Related Fatalities

There are six confirmed fatalities resulting from the severe weather on June 6-8, 2008. Three fatalities in Ottawa County, two fatalities in Allegan County, and one fatality in Delta Township (Eaton County). There are two fatalities confirmed in Argentine Township (Genesee County) on June 9 as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning from a generator located in the home used during an electricity outage.

A vehicle submerged in the Thornapple River in Kent County on June 13 resulting in one fatality. Reports indicate the car went into the river and traveled about 200 yards downstream from where it left the road. There is a strong current in the river due to increased water levels from recent rain.